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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of a superseding information<sup>1</sup> against Tina Heller-Paplosky of Bethel, Pennsylvania, charging her under the Stop Terrorist and Military Hoaxes Act of 2004, with having falsely told the C.I.A. in an October 2007 letter, that a man had terrorist associations and was the mastermind behind a plan to set off explosives in government buildings and public transportation systems. The allegations were entirely false and fictitious.

In addition, the information charges that Tina Paplosky, while employed at the Wilson School District as a Real Estate Tax Specialist, devised a mail fraud scheme to defraud the District of money by means of materially false pretenses and representations and, on October 31, 2007, in execution of that scheme, had the District issue a check for \$26,341.02 that was mailed to the Bank of America to the benefit of her credit card account.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Tina Heller-Paplosky	Bethel, PA	35

The defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 25 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and \$200 special assessment. In addition, she would be subject to a period of up to three years supervised release, restitution and forfeiture, as well as civil payments for the government's costs of investigation.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Postal Inspection Service and Pennsylvania State Police (Joint Terrorism Task Force), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamela Foa.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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